



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

SW

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/051,745	01/15/2002	Patrick R. Fleming	57453US002	5471
32692	7590	02/09/2004	EXAMINER	
3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY PO BOX 33427 ST. PAUL, MN 55133-3427			THANH, LOAN H	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3763	11
DATE MAILED: 02/09/2004				

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Non- Responsive Amendment***

The reply filed on 11/26/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant failed to identify and elect the species with a listing of all the claims readable thereon. Applicant's argument is not persuasive since applicant has disclosed a number of species in the brief description and the Examiner has grouped the species by the figures in the restriction on 10/31/03 on page 3. Further, if applicant thoroughly reads the previous action, the reasons for the restriction and the species is included. Applicant is reminded that one invention is allowed for one application. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LoAn H. Thanh whose telephone number is 703-305-0038. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (alternate Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on (703) 308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Application/Control Number: 10/051,745

Page 3

Art Unit: 3763

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.

LoAn H. Thanh  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 3763

LT



**LOAN H. THANH**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**